Blythe, Georgia
February 20, 1972

Mr. Charles Kuralt
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Dear Sir:

Befitting the usual Liberal pattern of your "documentaries," "Misunderstanding China" ignores certain facts (such as the failure of this Government to fulfill contracts made with Chiang Kai-shek following World War II; turning over to Mao Tse-tung weapons captured from Japanese troops stranded in China at the close of World War II; and the general division of countries, a policy beneficial only to Communism, whether Russian or otherwise), and presents other allegations as "facts" even though their origin is the awfully illegitimate womb of Communistic propaganda (such as the staged pictures either taken by Chinese Government photographers or by outsiders with, you can be sure, Communist approval and therefor Communist supervision.).

You speak about the Chinese abhorrence of foreign domination. I couldn't agree more that they should have the utmost abhorrence for foreign domination or interference. I often wondered what justification there was for our own presence in the guise of missionairies and merchants in China. But if there is anything more foreign in any country than a godless, brutal, atheistic, ruthless ideology than Communism, then please tell me what it is? It is even foreign, humanistically speaking, in Russia as it is anywhere else.

The "support" you illustrated in some of the films of the enthusiastic crowds applauding Mao was the end-product of frantic hysteria and hypnotism produced either from brain-washing, fear, or mass-hypnosis. We have examples of it in our country, at ball games or horse races. But at least at these sporting events it is more an escape valve than it seems to me to be there: A veritable way of life itself. If this is support, God deliver America from such support of any regime, Communist or otherwise. Or would CBS prefer to see America, as you described China, with none of our present (American) intellectual freedoms? The nearest I ever came to being caught up in such a Government demonstration was in 1959, I believe, when Pres. Frondizi visited President Eisenhower: We were given small American and Argentine (I believe) flags, and told to wave them when the two Presidents passed our way. Now, if "spontaneous" welcomes are arranged in this country, with the degree of freedom we have left, conjure up for yourself a picture of what it would be like to be told - not told, really, but ordered - to get enthusiastic for the benefit of the cameras recording the event.

No, Mr. Kuralt, you didn't brainwash me with this highly polished bit of the propagandist's art: Your admissions that there were "excesses" (interpretation: Murders, tortures, mayhem, coercion, liquidations, etc., etc.) during the "cultural" (what a misnomer!) revolution would, alone, have unzipped any sleeping bag you had encased my natural suspicion - not of China and Chinese, but of Communists, whether they be Cuban, German, Russian, Chinese - or American. Terror has always been a tool of the Communists, and always will be.

Another tool of the Communists has been deceit. One of the master ploys of deceit now being used is the apparent rift between China and Russia. If there should be any act of provocation engineered by either "side" in the Sino-Russian "dispute" to make America take sides in an active military way, I am afraid we would find ourselves caught like a man butting in on trouble between two brothers, or between a man and his wife.

No - Chiang is certainly no saint: Neither is our Government, our President, CBS, Charles Kuralt, or the writer of this letter; but neither are these "no saint" people and institutions I have mentioned the ruthless brand of devil Mao and all other Communists have proved themselves to be. I just regret that so many Americans, including many of the people in the media in general and CBS in particular, have, by adopting attitudes of tolerance and understanding to the Nth degree of Liberalism, served to lull America's awareness of its greatestenemy - Communism. I just wish you wouldn't use some of the very phrases I seem to have heard over my short-wave radio direct from Moscow - such as "imperialism."

Very truly yours,

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Mr. Charles Kuralt
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Dear Sir:

Your program tonight Misunderstanding China was excellent.

But as I watched the program several thoughts came to mind and I wondered why the producers did not address themselves to the same questions.

For example, shouldn't the title have been Misleading Americans on China or The Ease of Brainwashing Americans?

What has the news media done in the last 20 years to correct any false concepts of China?

What did the news media do when honest and truthful experts on China (Service and Vincent) were hounded out of the State Department?

What did the news media do to prevent Politician Nixon from deceiving the American people on China?

Why was it Nixon was never once mentioned in the program in the role he played in the deception on China?

Wasn't it the news media in this country that helped create a hostile attitude toward the student and college faculties when the Iraq War started?

Wasn't it the Iraq War the beginning of the opposition to the Vietnam war?

Will we have a similar production as tonight's, in ten years entitled Misunderstanding In Vietnam?

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Why does the news media still print lies about the war? Phony body counts. Why not refuse to print reports that are not verified by reporters?

Why is the news media ignoring the war crimes? Our most barbaric war in history (except against the Indians) omits photographs of the vast devastation by defoliants, napalm, "search and destroy" and now bull dozing 2 miles and miles of vegetation, use of chemical warfare, destruction of thousands of villages, forced evacuation of villages, ruthless bombing by carriers, not one but hundreds of My Lais, torture of prisoners and so called enemy — the deceptive Phoenix operation — when do the american people get to know the true extent of these things?

If the news media continue this game keeping the truth from the American people we are headed for the same fate as Spain, Greece Cuba — first comes fascism — and then eventually communism — and then a memorial should be erected to the institution most influential in the transition — the American News Media

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Mr. Charles Kuralt
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Dear Mr. Kuralt,
Your excellent and elucidating presentation on "Misunderstanding China", February 20, has been a very much needed report to all of us Americans, who may still have a derogatory and hostile attitude for China, whose civilization is far superior to the one which we claim superiority.
Your presentation was an analysis of objectivity, truth, and a challenge to our misconceptions and unexamined facts, which we swallow very hastily.
Indeed, it is quite true, as you have indicated, that China was exploited to her disadvantage by the western industrialist and a pseudo-christian missionary establishment, both of which were forced by that country to go back, or, to face the consequences. . .
I am not in the least bit sympathetic with China's present state of government, as I am a lover of justice and the dignity of man, regardless to which ethnic, religious, color and racial origin he may belong.
God bless you, my dear friend.

Sincerely,
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Feb. 25, 1972

Dear Charles Kuralt,

Am so happy Terrence O'Flaherty did the column of quotes on your extraordinary program Monday night. We just happened to get it - and I told my wife, "I must write him to tell him what a service he has performed!"

A few years ago I was fairly deep in a study of China - almost started a magazine dealing with the issue because I consider that what has happened there, and a sane relationship between China and the United States, crucial in world history.

Your program was magnificent. God bless you and CBS for the research, and the integrity.

Warmly,

Don Matchan

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